

FED-UP CHIP SHOP BOSS BANS TRAFFIC WARDENS

CHIP shop boss Mike Hayes is taking a battering from council bosses - for refusing to serve traffic wardens.

He was furious when he saw customers' cars being booked on double yellow lines outside.

And he hit the roof when the mayor's limousine was parked there and was allowed to escape without a ticket.

So he barred the wardens and put up a sign saying: "No Parking Attendants". Council bosses said

by DAN McMULLAN

he was discriminating against traffic wardens and the sign could breach his tenancy agreement.

But Mike, 47, hit back last night: "Since the wardens seemed to be able to choose who they booked, I decided to choose who I served."

Bullies

"I was always taught to stand up to bullies and I feel like I am being bullied now."

"The parking wardens around here are very heavy-handed and while I don't have a problem with

them booking people on double yellows, why wasn't the Mayor booked? All I want is a level playing field."

The dad-of-one added: "Customers loved it when the notice banning wardens went up. They saw it as someone fighting back."

Mike - who has run his chippy from the stall in the Tommyfield outdoor market in Oldham, Lancs, for four years - declared a temporary truce yesterday and took down the sign.

But he has insisted market bosses give reasons in writing why he cannot refuse to serve wardens. He

said: "Apparently the rules say that we cannot discriminate against any group of people, including traffic wardens."

"The alternative to taking the sign down was losing my stall."

Problem

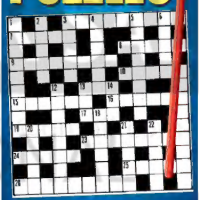
Oldham Council would not say why Mike's ban on wardens would breach his tenancy agreement.

But a spokesman said yesterday: "The Markets Manager has been more than willing to take on board the trader's problem and is seeking to get some further information to him."



ANGRY: Chippy boss Mike

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Kylie's bot a lot of fun

Picture: BIGPICTURES



■ **WATCH** out Kylie - there's a minder behind her! And by the look of this picture, the pint-sized Aussie singer's driver is certainly enjoying the rear view as he follows the gorgeous miss back to her car. ■ Kylie, 36 - famous for her sexy behind - was also beaming after a successful meeting with UBC Media Group at the swanky Soho Hotel in London's West End.

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QUEEN'S YOB COUSIN FACES TEN YEARS JAIL



BUM RAP: Caroline and Ernst

THE Queen's cousin faces up to 10 years in jail for booting a female photographer up the backside.

Prince Ernst August of Hanover, 35th in line to the British throne, is due to be tried for grievous bodily harm in two weeks.

The British citizen, who is nicknamed Prince Punchy, is alleged to have insulted snapper Sabine Brauer, 55, before "kicking her in the behind", according to court papers in Hanover, Germany.

A week ago the prince, who is married to

by JAMES WICKHAM

Princess Caroline of Monaco, dined with the Queen on her German visit and caused a stir by reaching out to kiss her.

He is also accused of beating up hotel owner Josef Brunlehner, 55, four years ago on the Kenyan island of Lamu where he has a holiday home.

Abused

Anne-Kathrin Berger, former department head at German newspaper Bild, has also pressed charges against the prince after he verbally abused her following the publication of photos in 2000 showing him peeing against the Turkish pavilion at the

World Expo in Hanover. The final charge against August comes from former vice editor-in-chief of Bild newspaper, Paul Martin, who says the prince also verbally abused him calling him "super-pig" and a "homosexual who collects uniforms and lies in them naked".

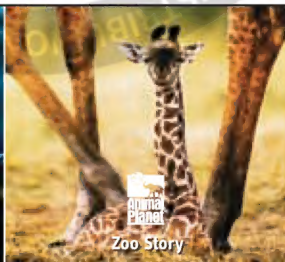
This is the third time the prince has been taken to court over these accusations. In the first instance he was given a suspended prison sentence but neither the prosecution nor his lawyers were satisfied.

A lawyer says if he is found guilty of harming any of the complainants he could face up to 10 years in prison.

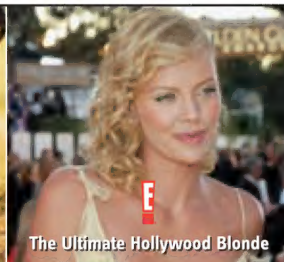
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DEVIL WOMAN:
Jennifer's
up front
at the LA
premiere



FAN-PLASTIC: Tiffany and Chucky

Jenni's a true doll

CHUCKY must be feeling lucky. The devil doll movie star shared the red carpet with sexy Hollywood star Jennifer Tilly.

Jennifer, 45, who provides the voice of evil Tiffany, looked stunning in a low-cut crimson dress.

But Chucky and his fellow doll looked their usual mutilated selves at the premiere of Seed Of Chucky in Los Angeles.

JONO'S GOT A VIEW ON RENEE...AND A CHEW ON SKIPPY

JONO COLEMAN

The Mouth from Down Under

JUST INCREDIBLES

THE Incredibles movie is great fun for the whole family. We loved it and the animation is tops – like Shark's Tale, but more sarcastic.

Also, if you love music biopics, as they call them, Ray is amazing and has the best CD soundtrack I've heard for years. The guy who plays Ray Charles is rightly being tipped for an Oscar.

Still on the music front, Kevin Spacey does a fantastic job in Beyond the Sea, the story of singer Bobby Darin's all-too-short life.

I also liked the fab new Elton John album (I'll give you all the Elton goss

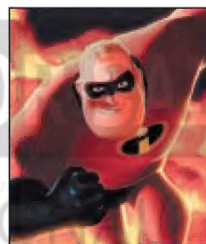
next week ... after the lawyers hear it). He was super when we met.

I had a great dinner with Kylie the other night, too, and got all the latest about her Christmas plans and her favourite telly show, Little Britain.

So I'm getting Matt Lucas and David Walliams over so they can all meet. Maybe we can get her a cameo with The Only Gay In The Village or Vicky Pollard...yeah, but no, but yeah...I love it.

See you next week.

I'm off to see The Producers with Lee Evans and Nathan Lane in the West End – it's getting rave reviews (Richard Dreyfuss who?)



SHARP: Incredibles hero

Can you taste what it is yet?

HELLO and a very warm welcome to the end of another crazy week.

I loved the story in the Star about Ant and Dec heading to Queensland for another series of I'm A Supposed Celebrity... Please Make Me Famous Again.

The best bit was about the new Bush Tucker Trials, with kangaroo testicles on the menu. I know they

did it the other night on the German version of the show because I got a call from an Aussie radio station asking if the Brits would be doing it also. I know more than that, though.

I can reveal that the I'm A Celebrity producers are trying to actually get Skippy's balls.

The thing is that when telly's legendary bush kangaroo died he left his dangly bits behind as a lasting reminder of his iconic status. They have been a part of Aussie culture for years and now are

available pickled for eating (I'm sure they are not still Skippy's originals).

My mate used to work on the Skippy TV show. He informed me that there were heaps of Skippys – we are talking about 12 or 13.

Each was trained to do one or two tricks. So when those so-called celebrities are biting into those Kangaroo Dingers, think of Skippy.

They used to keep all the Skippy actors (kangaroos) in big sugar sacks hung up on coat hooks so they could grab one when they were ready to start filming.

In fact, lots of famous Aussie actors did bit parts on Skippy, including the legendary Frank Thring.

When he got on the set he asked where Skippy's dressing room was.

The producer pointed to the line of sacks hung up on the wall with a kangaroo stuffed in each.

He supposedly said: "Jesus! If that's how they treat the star of the bloody show, I hate to think where they are putting me".

I used to love Skippy... it was so naff. "What's that Skip? Dad's fallen down the mineshaft?"

I won't even tell you how they got those little paws to turn on the walkie-talkie radio and open doors.

Let's just say Skippy wasn't always around when they did those shots.

I can't wait to see what Janet Street-Porter makes of Roo Goolies.

I had them years ago on an Aussie TV show. I can tell you that they're very chewy.

I also have a collection of leather change purses that you can pick up at most Aussie airport souvenir shops.

These are kangaroo sacks that come from "that area of a kangaroo that can be very painful".

I bet if Janet Street-Porter was given one she could keep her own balls in it.

Eat up, guys...Bring on the Bush Tucker trials (my recipe for Mozzy Mash next week).

RICKY GERVAIS dropped by for a beer and a chat the other day to plug his great new DVD called Politics, out on Monday.

It's very funny but totally un-PC. I was going to watch it with the kids or my mum and the wife but it's so naughty I ended up seeing it alone.

I think it has an 18 rating and I know why. It's a live DVD of Ricky on stage but starts with a hilarious video intro of him outside Westminster and the Houses of Parliament.

It's like one of those Open University welcome vids and gets worse and worse from there on in. It's hilarious, but deals with self-abuse and contains some very naughty words and gestures.

Ricky knows far too much about bodily functions and gay lifestyles for me to ever share his bed again.

Rock on, Rickster. You the man. I'm disgusted.



Zell of a nice lady

I WAS so excited when I met Renée Zellweger the other day for a chat, along with Hugh Grant. I've been a big fan of Renée ever since I saw her in those big pants in Bridget Jones' Diary.

I really like the new Bridget film, but I think the first is still the best for gags. There was too much kissing of my Renée in this one (maybe I'm just jealous) but then again she did kiss me at the end of the interview.

She said: "I know I will see you again for my next movie." I took that

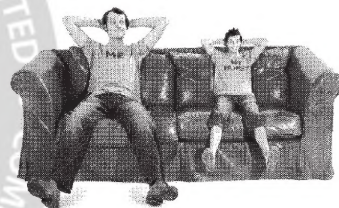
as a definite date. Hugh Grant never said that. In fact, I virtually had to lift him out of his armchair to do a piccic.

Renée on the other hand was up next to me like a bolt of lightning during a hot summer storm. She really is a lovely person – and she likes her grub, which is really a plus.

I'm so sick of these skinny girls who have no love of food or booze. See you soon Renée. And Hugh, please stop ringing me asking me out with you and Jerima – it's getting embarrassing.

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Lover in copycat death bid

A HEARTBROKEN boyfriend drove off the same 250ft cliff where his bride-to-be killed herself just days before – but amazingly survived.

Nightclub doorman Andy Hunt, 33, was saved by airbags when his car plunged over the beauty spot near Porthcawl, Bridgend, South Wales.

Yesterday, as he recovered from multiple injuries, a Cardiff inquest heard how Charlotte Lewis, 28, drove off in a rage when the pair rowed.

Charlotte, of Bridgend, texted Andy to say she would kill herself. But she had threatened suicide before and he ignored her.

Verdict: Suicide.

Silly sud Les is high and dry when



SPICY NIGHT IN: Les and Cilla tuck into the pizza on their romantic Hawaiian evening

FOOD AND SINK



PLUNGE BATH: The tub falls into the living room below

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN MAHONEY

LURVE-hungry Les Battersby's foaming fumble in his hot tub is set to leave the Coronation Street loafer feeling a silly old sud.

His romantic bubble-bath with Cilla Brown (Wendi Peters) ends with their 40-gallon whirlpool tub crashing through the floor.

The downfall is pet hound Schmeichel who plunges in to try to grab a piece of the pizza that's the centrepiece of the candlelit Hawaiian-style night of love set up by Les (Bruce Jones).

The lovebirds find themselves high and dry in their living room being gawped at by son Chesney and dimwit Kirk Sutherland – as well as Corrie viewers in Wednesday's hilarious episode.



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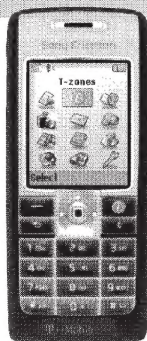
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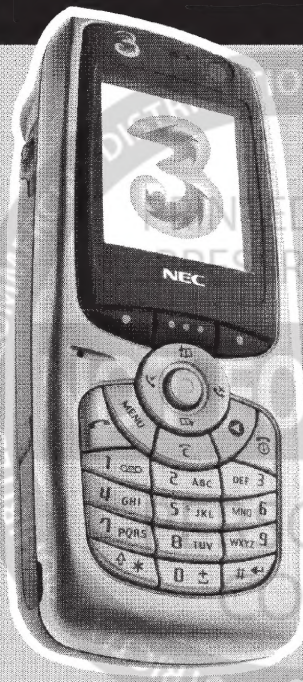
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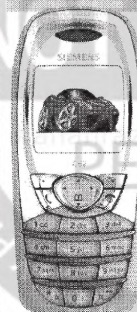
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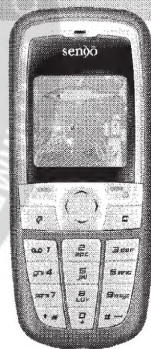
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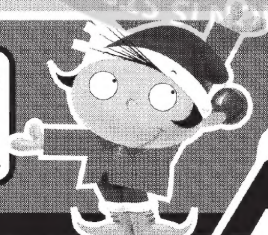
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by JIM HARDY

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They will also work with older people, using retrieved objects as a "focus for reminiscence".

No specific qualifications are needed for the job. The advert asks for experience of working in schools and knowledge of archaeological practice.

A council spokesman said "It's being funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, so it is not taking up money that comes from council tax."

"We are really excited about it."



TOOLS OF TRADE: A skip of rubbish



THRILLED: Schiffer

Claudia's baby joy

SUPERMODEL Claudia Schiffer gave birth to a baby girl yesterday.

The 34-year-old's second child weighed in at 7lb 2oz at London's Portland Hospital.

Proud dad Matthew Vaughn, 33, said the couple were "thrilled".



Picture: WESTLEY HARGRAVE



IN THE DOCK: Jauna Zavala, who is accused of thefts from the home of Ozzy, above

The Ozzy knicker nicker...

THIS is the woman accused of stealing underwear and jewellery from the home of wild rocker Ozzy Osbourne.

Jauna Zavala, 52 – his former housekeeper – is alleged to have pinched a £500 ring and underwear belonging to Ozzy's daughter Kelly and an £8,000 diamond ring belonging to his wife Sharon from the family's Beverly Hills mansion.

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CKS BY SPLASHING ABOUT IN THE CARIBBEAN SUN

Y of our Dreams

THESE Dream Team darlings make such a sexy pair of strikers.

Gorgeous actresses Lucinda Rhodes-Flaherty and Nina Muschallik brighten up a chilly November as they frolic in the Barbados surf.

The bathing beauties are taking a well-earned break from the hit Sky One football saga to catch some rays.

And the hot honeys clearly get on like a house on fire.

"The whole cast is like a family," says Essex girl Lucinda, 23, who plays bitchy Jodie Stone.

"I'm having a great time just hanging out with my mates, like Nina, and enjoying myself.

"I've just moved into my first flat - even though it's only a stone's throw from Mum and Dad!"

The cute couple are the best of pals, even though Nina is leaving the hit show.

"I've had an absolutely amazing three years," admits Nina, 28, from Windsor, Berks.

"I know it sounds like a cliché, but I have enjoyed every minute of it - but I think the time is right to move on."

Now the blonde beauty, who trained at

by LOMA-ANN BONNER

the Red Roofs drama school alongside Kate Winslet, is ready to try her hand at comedy after her roller-coaster ride playing Nikki Peggs, Harchester FC's team coordinator.

And Lucinda - who trained at the famous Sylvia Young Theatre School alongside Matt Willis from Busted, Lee Ryan from Blue and Dr. Who actress Billie Piper - will no doubt be taking over as one of the show's hottest babes.

"I'm doing lots of crying at the moment, as Jodie and her husband Frank are going through some major marital problems," she explains.

"But it's great getting to play some meaty storylines."

Smooth

As well as being top scorers at acting, the perfect pair can also hold a tune.

Lucinda has worked with the Cheeky Girls and smooth singer Lemar.

And Nina, who trained as a singer as well as a thesp, is very keen to cut a deal in the music industry.

"It's something I've always been interested in pursuing further, but it's one of those things - you have to just wait and see what comes up," she says.

And being serenaded by these two would definitely banish any winter blues...

● *Dream Team* is on Sky One on Sundays at 6pm.



Just Jane



JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY AND EVERY DAY

TWO weeks ago I published this letter from a reader:

MY partner is secretly drinking a bottle of cheap gin a day. She's always enjoyed a couple of G&T's in the evening, but just lately I've noticed that by 7pm the bottle is three quarters gone.

By bedtime it's empty and the next night there's a fresh bottle.

Three empties a week hit the recycling box, but I suspect she drops the others in a bin on the way to the off. She's started to get really aggressive with me and looks terrible. I want to help, but she claims there's nothing wrong.

Here are some of your replies:

MY late husband was an alcoholic, but it took me many years to realise it. I didn't question

RIGHT TO REPLY



the fact that we went to the pub every night and spent £50 a week on booze for the house.

Drink was a major part of our lives. It was only when I became ill and had to give up alcohol that I began to realise he had a problem.

He finally died of liver cancer. I'd urge your reader to get his partner all the help he can.

NAME WITHHELD

WHEN our daughter finally admitted that she needed help for her drinking, my wife and I suggested Alcoholics Anonymous.

We were encouraged to join Al Anon, which is an organisation for the families and friends of problem drinkers. Our daughter hasn't had a drink for two years and our family bond is stronger than ever.

Mr D. HARDCASTLE, Leeds.

I TRIED to help my alcoholic ex-wife, but she didn't want to be helped.

She used to say that she enjoyed drinking and she loved feeling drunk.

After five years together, I issued so many ultimatums that in the

end they were worthless. The day I left she didn't even care.

C. MILLS, Nottingham.

Now for this week's problem. What do you think this reader should do? Your letters will be printed in TWO weeks.

FOR the past eight months I've been having sex with both of my female flatmates.

Up until now it's been a very loose arrangement. If I feel horny, and one of them is up for it, then we just hit the sack and have fun.

Now one of the girls says I must choose between them. She's won't have sex with me any more unless I drop her pal.

The other girl is feisty and I think she'll resent being ganged up on.

Hubby in a dress is such a turn-on

Fella is so sad

MY BOYFRIEND is dogged by depression and I'm really concerned for him.

He's lost three jobs in five months. He can't concentrate on tasks or relate to people.

Sometimes he goes to bed and stays there for a week.

Whenever I urge him to get up he just says: "What's the point?"

We've been together four years and he's a lovely fella. But even his family have started giving up on him.

His mum told me he was once diagnosed with mild manic depression but he's never been properly treated.

JANE SAYS: Think about contacting The Manic Depression Fellowship (0845 634 0540, www.mdf.org.uk). This organisation runs self-help groups all over the UK.

Both you and your boyfriend will be welcome to attend.

Obviously your boyfriend also needs to make an appointment with his GP.

If he is reluctant to visit the surgery on his own, then offer to go with him and show him all the support you can.

I RECENTLY walked into my bedroom and found my husband dressed in my wedding gown.

His hair was expertly teased and his face immaculately made up.

I stood motionless, unable to speak or move.

He picked up the fullness of the skirt and quickly came towards me. He took me by the hands and led me to the bed, where we sat.

My husband then tearfully explained how he had dressed as a

girl for as long as he could remember. At first he had worn his sister's clothes and then his mother's until he could afford his own.

He reassured me over and over again that he wasn't gay - until I agreed to give our marriage a chance and stay with him.

Hard

The next thing I knew he was kissing me hard.

We fell back on to the bed and made the most wonderful, passionate love through most of the night. We only

got married at the beginning of the year and this was the best sex ever.

Since then my husband has really got into the habit of dressing up as a woman every night when he gets home from work. He tends to favour frilly gowns - almost like a Stepford Wife-type from the 1950s.

He cleans and cooks for me before sweeping me up to the bedroom for a night of lust. It's just fantastic - I'm having the most amazing time.

But in my darkest moments I do worry. Am I some sort of lesbian to enjoy my husband dressed as a woman? What if someone else were to find out?

Is there anyone we can talk to about it?

JANE SAYS: If your husband enjoys dressing as a woman and your marriage is happier and richer as a result, where's the problem?

As long as no one is getting hurt, you can do what you like.

If you do feel the need to talk to someone, then you can contact the Beaumont Society (01582 41220) for support and advice.

Don't think for one minute that you and your husband are unusual or alone - I get an increasing number of letters from women who are happy to tolerate their male partner's female side.

RUDE LITTLE BITCH

A MALE member of our family has taken up with a 17-year old girl.

The problem is, he's 32 and she's nothing short of a brat.

She recently ruined a family wedding by throwing a massive tantrum and being incredibly rude to the other guests. The bride was nearly in tears.

We all tried to be nice to her, but she was just vile and threw our kindness back in our faces.

With Christmas coming up, this relationship is threatening to split our family.

His mother expects her to be invited to every single family meal and party - but the rest of us just don't want her around.

The thought of that stropky face across the table would be enough to put anyone off their sprouts. We feel that this rela-

tionship is inappropriate and plain wrong, but what can we do about it?

JANE SAYS: It's your Christmas and it's up to you who you choose to spend it with. If you don't feel that this 17-year-old girl has earned the right to join your family then stand firm and exclude her.

Tell her boyfriend and his mother how you feel if they take issue with you.

We're all entitled to our opinion and if you think that a 32-year-old man dating a teenager is wrong, then speak up.

But make it clear that it's not only the 15-year age difference that you object to - it's the girl's attitude as well.

I suspect this guy is a bit of a mummy's boy and she's desperately trying to smooth everything over to please him.



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Day Five

BACK IN HER BEDROOM...



I can't believe the cheek of him. He must think I'm stupid

A FEW DAYS LATER A PARCEL ARRIVES



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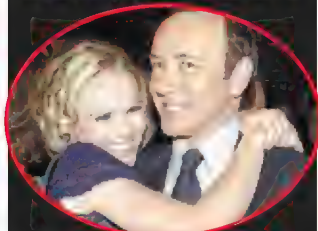
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COMING SOON



NEXT WEEK: There's something sinister about US vice-presidential candidate Liew Schreiber, and it's up to US Army Major Denzel Washington to find the truth in the remake of classic 1964 thriller *The Manchurian Candidate*.

THE WEEK AFTER: Kevin Spacey (above) doubles as director and star as he plays American singer Bobby Darin (of *Mac the Knife* fame), while Kate Bosworth portrays his Hollywood movie star wife Sandra Dee in the biopic *Beyond the Sea*.



IRON LADY: Renée's still hot stuff as poor Bridget

Well worth the weight

BUT IT'S A GIRL THING



MAN OH MAN: Renée with Colin Firth and, above, Hugh Grant



BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON (15)
HUGH Grant's a National Treasure who should be showered with Lottery cash.

At least then he'd always be around to save sagging shows the way he rescues this anything-goes sequel.

It's amusing, but nowhere as funny as the original. Although whenever Grant is on screen as all-round bad egg Daniel Cleaver the comedy comes to life.

The best bit is when he welcomes the return of Bridget's famous giant panties with a triumphant cry of "Daddy's home!"

Otherwise it's much the same chicklick mixture as before with Renée Zellweger piling on the pounds again as Bridget and returning at her chipmunk-cheeked perky pinnacle to suffer a series of embarrassing situations and silly slapstick.

So we get to watch her having a hellish time skydiving and then landing in a pigsty, on the piste (but still sober) as she skis out

of control down the slopes, and landing in a Thai jail when she goes East to make a TV show with Grant.

Her love life is no more successful since, after "71 ecstatic shags", her affair with decent but deadly-dull lawyer Colin "Mr Chloroform" Firth collapses when she wrongly suspects him of carrying on with his sexy female assistant.

Praise

Clearly the producers were looking for a hit but it took four writers, including *Love Actually*'s Richard Curtis, to revamp the elements which made the first one so successful – although major praise is due to whoever thought of calling Jeremy Paxman a "tosser!"

Zellweger's well-rounded reprise of the role she's made her own delivers the comic goods. And if Firth doesn't send you to sleep and you enjoyed the first film, you'll certainly be well entertained... since familiarity breeds content.

VERDICT: 6/10.

sad thirtysomething whose diary's an open book

IT'S SO DAME GOOD

LADIES IN LAVENDER (12A) FORGET four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie – this year's Royal Film is a demure drama that's a perfect dish to put before the Queen.

Dame Judi Dench and Dame Maggie Smith play sixtiesomething – sisters whose slumbering emotions are woken when they take in a hunky Pole washed up on the beach near their home in Cornwall in 1936.

Judi and Maggie are given a run for their money by Miriam Margolyes, whose comic Cornish cook is not so

much larger than life as larger than Cornwall in a pleasing, if resolutely old-fashioned, film that could have been made in 1936.

Writer-director Charles Dance sensibly ensures that Judi and Maggie are given their heads in a beautifully acted if slight story that doesn't outstay its welcome.

Just don't go expecting violence or adrenaline-fuelled thrills.

VERDICT: 6/10.



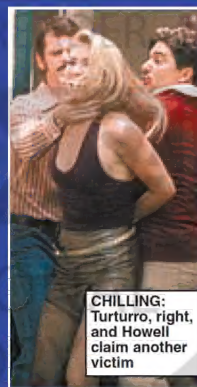
ROYAL TREAT: Maggie (left) and Judi are perfectly cast

OH, GORE BLIMEY...

THE HILLSIDE STRANGLER (18) THIS true story of a serial killer who slaughtered young women in 1970s Los Angeles before being unmasked as two sadistic cousins out on a killing spree definitely earns its 18 certificate.

Nicholas Turturro is excellent as a killer, although C Thomas Howell is a less effective maniac, while the murders are grisly in the extreme and director Chuck Parello leaves very little to the imagination. You have been warned.

VERDICT: 5/10.



CHILLING: Turturro, right, and Howell claim another victim

What a snake shaker

SLIPPERY: A croc attacks in *Anacondas* and, below, a giant snake joins the party

ANACONDAS: HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ORCHID (12A)

THERE is life after working as Kevin Webster's assistant in the Corrie garage – but not as we know it. Matthew Marsden finds out as he goes on an expedition to darkest Borneo.

He is trying to track down a rare plant that only flowers every seven years and is a "pharmaceutical equivalent to the fountain of youth" in this monstrously silly, but fun, B-feature monster movie.

The actors aren't required to do much except scream and die from an assortment of jungle horrors. They include giant snakes that would swallow anything except the plot of this horror hokum.

Impressive special effects create scarcely realistic reptiles that could have you yelling "Snakes alive!"

VERDICT: 6/10.

SHAOLIN SOCCER (12A)

IMAGINE Carry On Kicking refereed by the Airplane! gang and you'll get some of the flavour of this lively collection of crazy, frequently surreal gags centred on a deeply-daft Hong Kong football team who play by Kung

Fu rules. Daffy dubbing (there's just one subtitled print roaming the country if you want to be totally trendy) adds to the mad fun that erupts when the cooky Kung Fu-ballers defy gravity and logic to get results.

VERDICT: 6/10.

TOOLBOX MURDERS (15)

A MURDEROUS maniac stalks a run-down Hollywood hotel, bloodily disposing of luckless residents with deadly DIY equipment, including electric drills, a nail gun and a claw hammer that lives up to its name in this lurid blood fest.

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VERDICT: 6/10.



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Set in 1960, the plot looks at Alan Tracy's plight growing up as the youngest member of the famed International Rescue family.

When The Hood arrives and takes control of Tracy Island, it is left to Alan, Fermat and Tin-Tin – with a little help from Parker (Ron Cook) and Lady Penelope – to save the island, their family...and the world!

With brilliant DVD extras, Thunderbirds costs £19.99 for the DVD and £14.99 for the video. Also available is a DVD gift set, including the Thunderbirds DVD, five Rocket Toys and a map of Tracy Island, priced at

ALAN FRANK'S VIDEO VIEW

TOP TIP

ELF (PG)

(Entertainment DVD/VHS)
CHRISTMAS comes early this year with a terrific National Elf Service treat to make you howl with laughter.

Will Ferrell, below, is wonderfully funny as a boy raised as an Elf at Santa's North Pole workshop – until his height gives him away as a human and he sets out for New York to find his father.

Will finally tracks down dad James Caan only to discover he's a miserable workaholic who makes Scrooge seem a big softie.

But is he downhearted? No! By the time Will's made the Big Apple a better place, even Caan's beaming.

So will you, thanks to a zany script packed with great gags.

VERDICT: 8/10.

FAMILY CHOICE

RITA HAYWORTH – THE COLLECTION (PG)

(Universal UCA DVD)

The unique talents of screen goddess Rita Hayworth are showcased in four of her most famous Hollywood movies: You Were Never Lovelier, Cover Girl, Gilda and Pal Joey.

She was perfectly teamed with Fred Astaire for You Were Never Lovelier, whose happily daft plot never intrudes, and she joined Gene Kelly to play the title role in the wonderful Cover Girl.

The dramatic Gilda found her scorching the screen as a temptress who gives her former flame Glenn Ford a hot time in South America, while she easily outshone new hot blonde Kim Novak in the cynical musical Pal Joey.

VERDICT: 7/10.

BEST OF THE REST

THE THORN BIRDS (PG)

(Warner DVD)

RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN, who rose to fame as heart-throb TV medic Dr Kildare, revived his career and won a Best Actor Emmy Award for this classic 1980s mini-series based on the novel by Colleen McCullough.

The story cast Chamberlain as a priest who, banished to the Australian Outback after publicly disagreeing with a bishop, accepts a bequest from rich Barbara Stanwyck and succumbs to a scorching romance.

If the Australian backgrounds don't quite match up to your expectations, that's because director Darryl Duke was forced to create the Outback in California.

Still a great DVD.

VERDICT: 7/10.

BEST BUY

JOHN WAYNE: WAYNE OUT WEST (U)

(Universal DVD, £49.99)

BEFORE Clint Eastwood rode the range, John Wayne was the greatest Western star in the world – and now you can corral six of his best Westerns, superbly digitally restored.

In Angel And The Badman, wounded Wayne is nursed back to health by Gail Russell who tames him until his past catches up.

Dark Command finds him in commanding form as a Texan cowboy, and he's a classic lone cowhand who opposes the bad guys in Tall In The Saddle. He's great in The War Wagon, while the Duke meets his match in Katharine Hepburn in Rooster Cogburn, and Oliver Hardy co-stars in the Fighting Kentuckian.

VERDICT: 7/10.



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- 12.15 BARGAIN HUNT** Tim Wonnacott presents the antiques challenge from Derby University (T) 7439015.
- 1.00 BBC NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 33560.
- 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS.**
- WEATHER** 67653034.
- 1.40 NEIGHBOURS** (T) 68684522.
- 2.05 DOCTORS** A family struggles to communicate under the stress of Diwali celebrations (T) 78969251.
- 2.35 MURDER, SHE WROTE** Crime-writer and sleuth Jessica is responsible for a reunion marred by tragedy (Rpt) (T) 2905270.
- 3.20 BBC NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 5806034.
- 3.25 CBBEIES: NICOLE'S FURRY FRIENDS FRIDAY: BINKA** (Rpt) (T) 5896657. 3.35 The Koala Brothers (Rpt) (T) 2721102. 3.45 CBBE: Tom And Jerry Kids (Rpt) (T) 5504763. 4.05 Scooby-Doo And Scrappy-Doo (T) 3999763. 4.30 The Basil Brush Show. Basil discovers that keeping his cool with his cousin isn't easy (T) 454.
- 5.00 BLUE PETER** More details of this year's Blue Peter Appeal, live from a special location (T) 8602015.
- 5.25 NEWSROUND** (T) 9569015.
- 5.35 NEIGHBOURS** Lana has a difficult first day at Erinsborough High. Olivia confesses the shameful truth to Stuart. Stingray adopts a novel approach to life without medication (Rpt) (T) 887706.
- 6.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 947.
- 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 299.
- 7.00 A QUESTION OF SPORT** Sue Barker asks the questions in the popular sports quiz, with captains Matt Dawson and Ally McCoist (T) 8725.
- 7.30 TOP OF THE POPS** The best of the week's Top 20 chart, live bands and the No 1 single (T) 183.
- 8.00 EASTENDERS** Den (Leslie Grantham) meets Tommy for the first time and is shocked by Vicki's sudden announcement. Tension at the nail bar approaches breaking point (T) 7473.
- 8.30 MY DAD'S THE PRIME MINISTER** Is the PM's maths up to it? Can Dillon avoid a date with gruesome Amanda Gruntly? Will GCSEs make Sarah's temper any worse? (T) 6980.
- 9.00 FRENCH AND SAUNDERS** In the office Dawn and Jennifer fall out with their producer, Liza, and bump into Anastasia. Sketches include a tribute to the film Troy, more tips from Jordan and Jodie and a look at the lives of two expats (T) 9676.
- 9.30 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU** Comedy quiz show that grills celebrity contestants on the week's news. Team captains are Ian Hislop and Paul Merton, and the guest hosts are Kaye Adams and Sean Lock (T) 24763.
- 10.00 BBC NEWS** (T) 71183.
- 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** 203657.
- 10.35 FRIDAY NIGHT WITH JONATHAN ROSS** A mix of music and celebrity chat with Jonathan Ross. Rock legend Elton John gives Jonathan an exclusive interview to coincide with the release of his new album. Comedian Jimmy Carr and actress Holly Hunter also guest (T) 392305.
- 11.35 FILM: DEATH TRAIN** (1993) (See Guide) 400034.
- 1.10 FILM: HALLOWEEN IV: THE RETURN OF MICHAEL MYERS** (1988) (See Guide) 2984856. 2.40-6.00 BBC News 24 29319665.



- 6.00 CBBC** 32164. 8.00 CBeebies 3043676. 11.05 Hands Up! 47829034. 11.20 Geography 3832560. 11.40 History 1213386. 11.40 Film: Come Clean (1931) (See Guide) 7564928. 12.20 Trade Secrets (Rpt) (T) 9624812. 12.30 Working Lunch 46102.
- 1.30 FILM: GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING** (1956) (See Guide) 11198. 3.00 Winter Flying Gardener (Rpt) (T) 4386. 3.30 Escape To The Country (T) 89305. 4.30 Ready Steady Cook (T) 3791928. 5.15 Weakest Link (T) 8837034. 6.00 Beg, Borrow Or Steal (T) 589. 6.30 Strictly Come Dancing (T) 541. 7.00 Rick Stein's Food Heroes (T) 6367.
- 7.30 HIDDEN GARDENS** (Rpt) (T) 725.
- 8.00 A YEAR AT KEW** (T) 5015.
- 8.30 GARDENERS' WORLD** (T) 4522.
- 9.00 THE GREATEST STORM** (Rpt) (T) 363367.



SHOCKED: Den, BBC1, 8pm

- 9.50 THE PLANETS: BRIEF ENCOUNTERS** (Rpt) (T) 585015. 10.00 QI (T) 79725. 10.30 Newsnight (T) 88473. 11.00 Newsnight Review (T) 413657. 11.35 Jools Holland (T) 980034. 12.40 Film: I Walked With A Zombie (1943) (See Guide) 5072752. 1.50 What The Victorians Did For Us (Rpt) (T) 7185416. 2.00-6.00 BBC Learning Zone (T) 1451435.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS:
Wales - 6.30 Scrum V Live 359947.
9.00 Gardeners' World 7218. 9.30 The Greatest Storm 175305. 10.20 The Planets: Brief Encounters 718541.



MIKE WARD WHAT'S HOT TO WATCH

BE honest, when you first saw Jordan and Peter Andre getting chummy on I'm A Celebrity, were you thinking: "I'll give it a fortnight?" If so, you're no doubt a bit surprised, you cynical git, to find them still together nine months later. So just how well do they get on? That's what we'll find out in ITV1's new docusoap When Jordan Met Peter, kicking off tonight at

11pm. A six-part fly-on-the-wall thing, it gives us a chance to see what they really get up to, on and off duty. Within limits. Elsewhere, the brilliant Peter Kay returns to Channel 4, this time with a Phoenix Nights spin-off called Max And Paddy's Road To Nowhere (9.30pm). It features the two bouncers from the original series setting off together on the road - and, in

tonight's episode, actually managing to pick up a couple of women and bring them back to their motorhome. The classic scene is where Paddy is shamelessly getting down to it in his room while an embarrassed Max sits right outside making small talk with the other woman, desperately trying to ignore the moaning noises and the fact that the vehicle's rocking like mad.

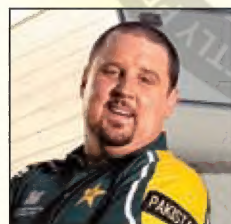


- 6.10 THE HOOBOS** (Rpt) (T) 9570218. 7.00 B4 3421676. 7.25 Friends (Rpt) (T) 3424763. 7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond 8763522. 8.25 King Of Queens 3664831. 8.55 Bernie Mac (T) 8322676. 9.15 What's In A Word? (Rpt) (T) 3189367. 9.30 Behind The Scenes At RSC (Rpt) (T) 2665831. 9.55 Working Week (Rpt) (T) 3253893. 10.20 Design A Future (Rpt) (T) 3160270. 10.45 Gift Of The Gab (Rpt) (T) 1261299. 11.05 Tate Modern (Rpt) (T) 8019034. 11.10 Life Stuff (Rpt) (T) 1680676. 11.35 Arrows Of Desire (Rpt) (T) 7744909. 12.00 News (T) 63164. 12.30 Cheers (Rpt) (T) 58639. 1.00 Racing (T) 62468386. 3.15 Countdown (T) 7934299. 4.00 A Place In The Sun (T) 6102. 5.00 Richard & Judy (T) 3034.
- 6.00 THE SIMPSONS** (T) 657.
- 6.30 HOLLYOAKS** (T) 909.
- 7.00 NEWS** (T) 165725.
- 7.45 THE WEST WING** (T) 974676.
- 8.30 FRIENDS** (Rpt) (T) 9218.
- 9.00 THE SIMPSONS** (T) 2386.
- 9.30 MAX AND PADDY'S ROAD TO NOWHERE** Starring Peter Kay as Max (T) 17473.
- 10.00 PEEP SHOW** (T) 831247.
- 10.35 FATHER TED** (Rpt) (T) 274560.
- 11.10 FILM: THE ANIMAL** (2001) (See Guide) 989198.
- 12.40 HIP HOP IMMORTALS** 345023. 2.15 Popworld (Rpt) (T) 7092874.
- 3.00 Hit40uk** (T) 24503.
- 3.30 Jamie Kennedy** 6860771. 4.15 Andromeda 7123665. 5.00 Countdown (Rpt) (T) 9796232. 5.45-6.05 Pelwick 6598058.

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- 6.00 SUNRISE** 2525270. 6.30 Milkshake! 65543102. 9.25 The Wright Stuff 13843367. 10.30 Sunset Beach (Rpt) (T) 7578164. 11.25 House Doctor (Rpt) (T) 92317541. 11.50 The Wright Stuff Extra 34339873. 12.00 News (T) 7051725. 12.30 Home And Away (Rpt) (T) 4135183.
- 1.00 FAMILY AFFAIRS** (Rpt) (T) 3618454. 1.35 BrainTeaser 3627102. 2.35 Boy Meets Boy (T) 1552251. 3.30 News Update (T) 98075386.



ROAD TRIP: Max, C4, 9.30pm

- 3.35 FILM: HE'S NOT YOUR SON** (1984) (See Guide) 8661744. 5.30 News (T) 4415676. 6.00 Home And Away (T) 4412589. 6.30 Family Affairs (T) 4496541. 7.00 News (T) 7199980.
- 7.30 HOUSE DOCTOR: ANN'S TOP TEN!** (T) 4492725.
- 8.00 THE 20 QUICKEST WAYS TO LOSE MONEY ON YOUR PROPERTY** (Rpt) (T) 1435638.
- 9.00 HOUSE DOCTOR: DESIGNS FOR LIVING** (T) 1448102.
- 10.00 POSH SWAP** (T) 1458589.
- 11.00 FILM: CONAN THE BARBARIAN** (1982) (See Guide) 78922947.
- 1.20 FILM: LEGAL DECEIT** (1997) (See Guide) 48053787. 2.50 Film: Flight Of The Albatross (1995) (See Guide) 28066435. 4.20 Russell Grant's Postcards (T) 55064874. 4.25 Melrose Place (T) 3723077. 5.10 Sons And Daughters (T) 91602690. 5.35-6.00 Sons And Daughters (T) 15520348.



- 6.00 GMTV** 9405831. 9.25 Trisha. More heartwarming and shocking true stories with Trisha Goddard and a studio audience (Rpt) (T) 9940893. 10.30 This Morning (T) 70183. 12.30 ITV Lunchtime News, Weather (T) 58657.
- 1.00 TOO MANY COOKS** Kate Garraway presents the show where four teams attempt to prove that they are as hot in the kitchen as they think they are. Chef Brian Turner judges who stays and who goes (T) 94522.
- 2.00 EVERYTHING MUST GO** Matthew Kelly joins the team in the Commandery in Worcester to raise cash for charity with a huge sale and auction (T) 90367.
- 3.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 2316015.
- 3.15 MIFFY AND FRIENDS** (Rpt) (T) 5801589. 3.20 Engie Benji (Rpt) (T) 5882454. 3.30 Mr Bean: The Animated Series (Rpt) 2708251. 3.45 Pet Alien (T) 2736034. 4.00 Finger Tips (T) 9199164. 4.20 Grizzly Tales For Gruesome Kids (Rpt) (T) 5544560. 4.30 Help! I'm A Teenage Outlaw (T) 522.
- 5.00 THE PAUL O'GRADY SHOW** Teatime comedy and chat (T) 2164.
- 6.00 REGIONAL NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 265.
- 6.30 ITV EVENING NEWS, WEATHER** (T) 367.
- 7.00 EMMERDALE** Steph takes her dad out on to the moors with murderous intent - is it too late for Turner? Jimmy makes eyes at Chloe as Sadie toys with Robert. Rodney finds himself employing the Dingles (T) 3893.
- 7.30 CORONATION STREET** Karen is beside herself when she makes an unexpected TV debut in the Rovers. The chameleon-like Charlie begins to sink his claws further into Shelley. Will Tyrone's dream of a holiday with Maria be anything more than a flight of fancy? (T) 251.
- 8.00 TONIGHT WITH TREVOR MCDONALD** This edition focuses on uninsured motorists and talks to innocent drivers and pedestrians who have been involved in accidents with these people (T) 2541.
- 8.30 AIRLINE** In Amsterdam, chief purser Bob Brain cooks up a cunning plan so a Dutch passenger can propose to his girlfriend on the flight into Liverpool. Captain Chris Pell and wife Debbie await the arrival of two 10-year-old girls from Belarus who are staying for a month in the UK (T) 1676.
- 9.00 ROSEMARY AND THYME** Rosemary and Laura become involved when an archaeologist who posed as Rosemary to gain access to the once-perfect gardens of a large estate is found murdered (T) 8299.
- 10.00 SAME BRIDGET, BRAND NEW DIARY** A look at the making of Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason, featuring interviews with Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth and director Beeban Kidron 66251.
- 10.30 ITV NEWS** (T) 82299.
- 11.00 WHEN JORDAN MET PETER** Warts-and-all series revealing the romantic secrets of Jordan and Peter Andre (T) 6589.
- 11.30 BIG NIGHT OUT** Liverpool band Taylor, comprising four teenage brothers, travel to London to play a one-off live gig for music executives. But will their dreams come true? 88522.
- 12.00 LATE NIGHT LADIES** 3732394. 12.35 The Frank Skinner Show (Rpt) (T) 5409752. 1.35 Film: Cousin Bette (1998) (See Guide) 592110. 3.25 Entertainment Now! (T) 49017619. 3.50 Mixmasters 90426771. 4.15 Tonight With Trevor McDonald (Rpt) (T) 65152139. 4.40 ITV Nightscene (T) 8107955. 5.30-6.00 ITV Early Morning News 84348.

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ITV1 WESTCOUNTRY

As ITV1 London except: 3.00 West Country News. Regional news from across the south west, with the latest weather forecast 2316015. 6.00 West Country Live. Regional news from across the south west, with the latest weather forecast 265. 11.30 Better Late Than Never. A look at how attitudes to old age are changing: how folk are defying age discrimination to work longer and an area of Los Angeles where house buyers must be over 50 88522. 12.00-12.35 The Summer Of Love. JoJo horses around on a pony farm with a difference 3732394.

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ITV1 CENTRAL

As ITV1 London except: 3.00 Central News, Weather, Lifeline. The latest news from around the region, a look at the weather and advice from Lifeline 2316015. 6.00 Central News At Six, Weather. Early evening news from around the Midlands. Followed by Central Weather 265. 11.30 Rock Legends. Series catching up with the region's famous artists, presented by Noddy Holder. This programme looks at the life of Leicester-born Engelbert Humperdinck 88522. 12.00-12.35 Taboo. Presenter Clare Beckwith meets swingers in the Midlands who explain why they prefer threesomes 3732394.

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